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HIGHS & LOWS

State govt plans to get stricter as substance abuse continues among college students, especially in B'luru

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SLUSH CRUSH

Residents of layout in Whitefield wonder why they pay property tax, if they cannot even have paved road

It has been 8 years since citizens petitioned for traffic signals at busy junction in Peenya area and despite then ADGP having written to authorities to act on request, no action has been taken

LOSS OF SIGNAL

Junction does not have speed breakers, signage or blinkers making it accident hotspot

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Bangalore Traffic Police (BTP) have embarked on a task of upgrading and developing traffic junctions in the city by spending a lot of money for installation of artificial intelligence (AI) based cameras to detect more traffic violations in the city. However, residents of Shanti Layout have been waiting for the traffic police to provide basic infrastructure at a junction near Junjappa Swamy Temple since 2016.

The traffic junction at Shanti Layout

The residents complain that Peenya Traffic Police have been delaying the installation of a traffic signal and the construction of scientific road humps all these years despite the issue having been brought to the notice of Additional Director General of Police and Commissioner for Traffic & Road Safety PS Sandhu on December 25, 2018. The ADGP and Commissioner for Traffic & Road Safety even wrote a letter to Bangalore Commissioner of Police on January 11, 2019, stating that no action was taken on the complaint lodged with Peenya Traffic Police on September 24, 2015, and August 31, 2016. "The Peenya Traffic Police gave an acknowledgement to the complainant. So, take suitable action and give information to the complainant on the action taken and inform my office," the letter by Sandhu reads.

> **"Providing road safety measures and street infrastructure comes under Fundamental Rights of Article 21 of the Constitution. Time and again, there have been judgments of the Supreme Court and the High Court upholding this constitutionally guaranteed right**
>
> — Ajay Merchant, Shanti Layout resident

The residents said that Peenya Traffic Police did nothing except forward their complaints to higher authorities and issue acknowledgements to their complaints. Peenya Traffic Police Inspector issued an acknowledgement to Ajay Merchant who lodged a complaint seeking construction of road humps and installing traffic signal lights on August 27, 2016, stating that he had already written a letter to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities and traffic police officers to take measures

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Mixed reactions

Waste management experts call upon households to be mindful of segregating, cutting down on waste

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After villagers of Kannur and Mandur gram panchayat started protests against Bengaluru's garbage landing in their backyards, door-to-door waste collection and clearing of black spots in the city have been heavily impacted.

City-based solid waste management (SWM) experts are drawing attention to the other angle of this waste crisis – the mismanagement of waste by households and businesses.

"Whatever the volume, mixed waste adds daily to the growing disaster of landfills. It is every household's and institution's responsibility to hand over segregated waste as wet, dry, and sanitary," said a SWM expert.

They underline that slashing dry waste volume and reducing wet waste by home composting are needs of the hour. While dry waste volumes can be reduced by cutting out disposables and using reusable bags, wet waste can further be reduced by home composting and converting fruit peels into organic cleaners.

"We must think about prudent online ordering and opt for packageless delivery. Moreover, all boxes must

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3 THINGS TO DO

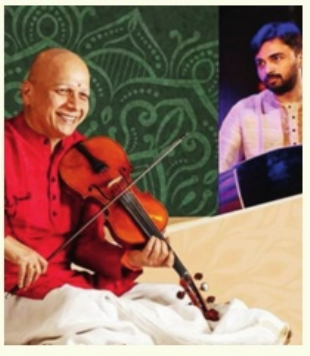
01 Puppetry tale

Watch 'The Rabbit and the Hedgehog,' the final show of the 14th edition of Aha! festival, With minimal props and laced with a lot of wit, Max Troibinger brings the classic fairy tale to the stage. The play is freely adapted from the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale for puppet theatre. Unlike the original fairy tale, the audience witnesses that friendship between unlikely partners is possible and how a conflict can ultimately bring them closer together. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: July 19, 7:30 pm**

02 Songs of worship

Ekatvam, an initiative of the Entrust Foundation, presents the first edition of Ekatvam Yuva Sagara, '"Thyagaraja Manasa," where Thyagaraja Kirthanas will be presented by three young upcoming artists: Chennai-based Carnatic vocalist Ragasudha Balasubramanian, Chennai-based Mridangam player Sunaada Krishna Amai, and violinist Amogh Nadadur hailing from Mysuru. The event aims to discover and nurture emerging musical talent, foster the growth of dedicated young musicians preserving Indian classical heritage, and give them a platform to explore and experiment. **Where: Suchitra Cinema and Cultural Foundation, Banashankari; When: July 20, 6 pm**

03 Traditional melodies



Explore the intricate rhythms and melodies that define the Jhampa Talam as renowned musician R Kumaresh, popularly known as the Fiddling Monk, invites music lovers to 'The Fiddling Monk's Jhampa, Fourth Tala Pravaham Concert.' This one-of-a-kind concert will showcase his exceptional talent as he conceptualises, composes, and performs five original compositions set to the five distinct 'Jaathis' of Jhampa Talam. This innovative approach promises to deliver a unique auditory experience, blending tradition with creative mastery. **Where: Gayana Samaja When: July 20, 6:30 pm**

Green court takes action on encroached afforestation land

Noting issues relating to compliance with environmental norms, implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment, NGT issues notices to authorities concerned

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The principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has sent notices to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Karnataka, and the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) regarding the encroachment of parcels of land that are in the process of being diverted for compensatory afforestation (CA).

The green court took cognizance of the matter based on a news report that appeared in the Bangalore Mirror on July 2 regarding a site inspection report by the MoEF&CC highlighting that a portion of non-forest lands for CA for a drinking water supply project in Karnataka is under encroachment, which needs to be measured and delineated to make CA land free from encumbrances.

"As per the article, the department recently diverted 575.0749 hectares of forest land for the construction of a dam across the Markandeya River and ancillary infrastructure. However, the site inspection report by the regional officer, MoEF&CC, showed that nearly 100 hectares of this land are under encroachment. The department should have conducted a ground check before allocating the land for compensatory afforestation," noted the tribunal in its order.

Violations & actions

NGT has thus registered suo motu, citing that the issue underlined in the article points to a violation of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, and the Environment Protection Act, 1986. "The news item raises substantial issues relating to compliance with the environmental norms and implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment. Hence, we implead the MoEF&CC, principal chief conservator of forest and head of forest force, Karnataka, and chief wildlife warden, Karnataka," said the tribunal.

Notably, in March 2022, the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF), Ghataprabha Division, Gokak, issued a compensatory afforestation land suitability certificate for these land parcels. The certificate stated that non-forest CA land parcels are suitable for raising compensatory afforestation. However, on April 5 this year, a site inspection was carried out by MoEF&CC officers, who observed many encroachments on the sites allotted for CA.

Encroachment details

The 47.59 hectares of land inspected in Khanagaon in the Gokak range show that there is encroachment in some areas. Over 25 hectares allotted for CA in Pudukalakatti had encroachments on the margins. 89.13 hectares in Kanhal and 140 hectares in Koohalli had high-tension power lines passing through them, along with MNREGA plantations on part land, and fringe areas of the sites were found encroached. Over 84 hectares in the Mugalihal area also had discrepancies. The land allotted in Murgod also appeared to be encroached upon. Experts say it is the responsibility of the forest department to check on the ground whether the land being allocated is free from encroachment.

"Although the land for CA is provided by the user agency, it is the responsibility of the state forest department to verify if the land provided is suitable for CA, free from encumbrances and encroachment. This is the reason the suitability certificate is issued by DCF, which is supposed to happen after an on-site inspection. In this case, DCF issued a suitability certificate for these parcels of land in March 2022. However, instead of on-site inspection, he had put the responsibility on the user agency," said a wildlife conservationist.

A site inspection carried out by MoEF&CC officials revealed encroachments on the site for compensatory afforestation

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Encroachers eat into land meant for afforestation

BM's report on July 2 stated that nearly 100 hectares out of 575 hectares of CA land are under encroachment

BSF Karahalli campus grows greener with 400 native trees

A community-driven movement to boost greenery and promote sustainable living took a significant step with a tree plantation drive at the BSF Karahalli campus near Nandi Hills. The main goal of the drive was to plant native trees to support local ecosystems and help the environment. The initiative, undertaken by the Jeevanmukti Foundation and HSR Citizen Forum, drew enthusiastic participation from volunteers and local residents, all eager to contribute to environmental conservation. They provided the necessary support and expertise to ensure that the plantation drive was carried out smoothly.

A key highlight was the planting of 400 native trees. The forum chose these trees to enhance biodiversity, support local wildlife, and help fight climate change. With many coming together, the initiative had a lively and positive atmosphere, showing the power of community action in tackling environmental challenges. "We chose this location because of the success we've had here before," said BNS Ratnakar, a principal office bearer of the HSR Citizen Forum. "The Jeevanmukti Foundation has already planted 1,000 tree saplings on this campus, which gave good results. This made it a natural choice for our current initiative." Among the 400 saplings planted were 39 different varieties of jackfruit plants, which were sourced from accredited nurseries to ensure quality. Teja Nursery in Dodaballapura provided 35 varieties, while the remaining varieties came from other nurseries. This diversity is expected to boost the ecological balance of the area. The tree plantation drive at BSF Karahalli shows what can be achieved when communities come together for a common cause. It's an excellent example of how collective efforts can lead to significant environmental benefits, contributing to a greener and more sustainable future, said Ratnakar. "Such initiatives are crucial in the fight against climate change and environmental degradation. They foster a sense of community and shared responsibility, inspiring more people to take part in similar activities. The success of this event sets a positive example for future efforts aimed at enhancing greenery and promoting environmental sustainability," he added. **— BMB**

This file photo shows a similar plantation drive in Bengaluru

‘Love wanes, but consensual acts can’t be called rape’

On the pretext of marriage or not, acts were purely consensual: HC quashes rape case

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The Karnataka High Court has once again emphasised that when two consenting adults engage in intimate acts, having been in a loving relationship for an extended duration, it does not constitute the crime of rape.

The case in question was heard by a single judge bench presided over by Justice M Nagaprasanna, who granted the petition submitted by a male individual. Consequently, the bench quashed the case that had been registered against the petitioner under sections 376 and 417 of the Indian Penal Code, which pertain to rape and cheating, respectively.

“The duration of the relationship between the two, which was founded on love, was for a period of six years; merely because love wanes away by the efflux of time, either at the hands of the complainant or the accused, it would not mean that all consensual acts done between the two could be dubbed rape,” the court said.

Background

In the year 2012, the petitioner and the complainant got to know each other. They became friends, and the friendship flourished into an intimate relationship. Alleging that they had last become intimate in April 2018, after which the petitioner evaded the calls of the complainant, two complaints were registered on July 3, 2018 against each other.

The petitioner asserted that the relationship between the two individuals was entirely consensual and had been ongoing for more than six years, and that the complainant had subjected them to harassment and demanded Rs 10 lakhs, which prompted him to file a complaint. In response, the complainant contested the plea, alleging that the accused had engaged in a sexual relationship solely under the false pretence of marriage, which was deceptive from the beginning.

“In the considered view of this Court, such a relationship would not amount to a rape as defined under Section 375 of the IPC and cannot be permitted to be tried. Whether it was on the pretext of marriage or otherwise, the acts between the petitioner and the respondent were purely consensual. Finding no offences being driven home by the prosecution, permitting further trial against the petitioner would become an abuse of the process of law and result in miscarriage of justice,” the court said while allowing the petition.

45 cases against man: Detention order dismissal not possible

The High Court, presided over by Justices Krishna S Dixit and Ramachandra D Huddar, has rejected a petition filed by the wife of a man currently under preventive custody. The man faces a staggering 45 criminal cases, and the petition sought to challenge the detention order issued on April 4 under the Karnataka Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers Etc Act, as well as a Government Order confirming the detention for a year.The petitioner’s counsel contended that the man could only speak and not read Kannada and had no knowledge of English, necessitating the translation of all relevant orders against him into Tamil; however, the opposing side asserted that the accused was proficient in all three languages, had been given legible copies of pertinent documents, and was accused of numerous serious offences, including the alleged abduction of his first wife.The bench noted, “Detention orders... are an exceptional price that a citizen pays for being a member of civilised society. The avalanche of criminal cases that are still pending, many after investigation, and the rest in pre-charge sheet stage repel the contention that the detenue is absolutely innocuous. After all, it is not a case of indefinite detention. The Act itself prescribes a maximum period of one year, as is specified in the impugned orders.” -BMB

GT Mall faces 7-day closure

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The Karnataka government has taken swift action by announcing a seven-day closure of GT World Mall in Bengaluru as a consequence of the mall’s discriminatory behaviour towards a farmer wearing a traditional dhoti. This decision comes after a farmer, Fakirappa, was denied entry to the mall despite having valid tickets for a movie, sparking widespread outrage on social media.

Minister for Urban Development and Town Planning, Bhyrathi Suresh, confirmed the closure in the Assembly, stating that the government will take stern action against the mall for its actions. The opposition, led by R Ashoka, demanded prompt and severe action against the mall, emphasising the need for immediate intervention.

Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa supported the government’s decision, highlighting the importance of preserving individual dignity and self-respect. The incident has sparked a statewide debate on discrimination and attire, with the government’s swift action aiming to reinforce the message that such behaviour will not be tolerated.

Meanwhile, GT Mall management has voluntarily decided to shut down the mall for a few days. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has served two notices to the mall, one seeking an explanation for the incident and the other to pay a pending property tax of Rs 1.7 crore.

The incident occurred on Tuesday evening when farmer Fakirappa from Haveri district, along with his family, was denied entry to GT World Mall due to his dhoti attire. The incident went viral on social media, leading to widespread outrage. The mall management and the security guard later issued apologies.

New low: College students on a high

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The state government has officially acknowledged the worrying trend of increasing substance abuse among college students in Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru. Home Minister G Parameshwara, in a reply to the Legislative Council on Thursday, reported that the number of cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, has shown significant figures over the past three years.

In 2022, a total of 6,406 cases were reported in Karnataka, with 4,027 in Bengaluru alone. The following year saw a slight increase, with 6,764 cases (3,443 in Bengaluru). As of July 10, a total of 1,791 cases have been filed, with 884 still under investigation and 189 convictions.

The government has organised various programmes to keep students away from drug addiction. Special drives conducted in December 2023 and 2024 reached out to a large number of students (3,95,253 and 5,50,000 students across 2,409 and 3,602 schools and colleges, respectively), providing lectures on the dangers of drug abuse. “The ‘Drugs Free Karnataka’ mobile app has also been launched to support these efforts. On June 26, coinciding with the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, around 4,000 school and college students received lectures. The government’s initiatives aim to create awareness among students about the dangers of drug abuse and offer them the necessary support to stay drug-free,” he said.

Officials said that the data indicates a persistent problem with drug abuse among college students, reflecting the challenges faced by law enforcement and the judiciary in handling these cases. “Despite a relatively high number of convictions each year, the number of cases under investigation remains substantial, highlighting the ongoing efforts required to address this issue comprehensively. The figures for 2024, though incomplete, suggest that the problem continues unabated, necessitating sustained and possibly enhanced interventions from the government and related agencies to curb drug abuse among the youth,” an official said.

Meanwhile, Parameshwara said, “To combat the sale, transportation, and consumption of drugs in the state, the government has implemented several measures. The Criminal Investigation Department drug wing and the organised crime wing (NOC) have been strengthened by the creation of one Additional Director General of Police post and one Deputy Inspector General post to tackle drug abuse and related crimes more effectively.”

In Bengaluru, the city police have been conducting regular raids on the residences of foreign nationals, booking cases against those involved in illegal activities. “The public is encouraged to report drug-related activities by calling the toll-free number 1908. The government has introduced a scheme to reward individuals who provide information leading to the seizure of drugs and the arrest of drug peddlers,” he added.

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5 Kitchen Appliances To Gift A Loved One For Special Occasions

Gifting is really hard work, and with festive season here, you might be invited to quite some engagements, weddings, and housewarmings. If you're not sure of what to gift your loved ones, this list of useful kitchen appliances will definitely help you pick something. Psst, These products aren't too expensive either so it's a win-win!

If you know your loved one is just getting started on their health and fitness journey, why not gift them a glass tea pot with built-in infuser? You can also add in a selection of herbal teas to your gift.

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And if your loved one is a coffee fan, gifting them either a French press or a drip coffee maker to brew their own cuppa is sure to delight them. Quite a few coffee brands offer gift packs which include a coffee maker and coffee grounds, so do your research and you'll definitely strike gold.

After all, who wouldn't appreciate a glass of fresh juice in the morning, or an easier way to blend vegetables for soups or smoothies? Buy a blender or a juicer that sits right on your pocket and surprise your loved ones.

Perfect for breakfast or mid-day snacks, no one can say no to sandwiches and waffles. These kitchen appliances can be used in more ways than one, so they are definitely a great gift idea.

An electric tandoor offers an easy and convenient way of cooking yummy, restaurant-like food at home. Since the cooking method requires less oil, it promotes healthy eating too. A perfect gift for someone who loves experimenting in the kitchen and is also health-conscious.

-Kalwyna Rathod/Femina

Kitchen Hacks 101: 6 smart ways to deep clean mixer grinder jar at home

From chutneys and spice mixes to shakes and smoothies, mixer grinder jars are no less than a blessing and make many kitchen tasks simpler and easier. While we acknowledge the uses of the jar, we often fail to maintain the hygiene of the jar, which not only reduces its shelf life but also makes the repetitive usage time-consuming. Here, we will tell you about six smart ways to deep clean the mixer grinder jars at home and how one simple hack can keep the blades sharp.

Liquid Detergent

To begin with, pour some liquid detergent into the jar and run your mixer normally. This will help remove the dirt easily. You can also use the foamy liquid to clean the body of the jar. Place the jar under the running water, and then wipe with a paper towel or kitchen towel.

Washing powder

Mix some washing powder with water, apply the concoction to a sponge, and scrub the body and interiors of the jar. Place the jar under the running water, and your jar is all set to be used again.

Vinegar

Make a concoction of white vinegar and water, and pour it into the jar. Use a sponge to clean up the dirt and stains, and simply wash the jar under tap water. Pat the jar dry using a kitchen towel, and use the jar again.

Baking powder

Make a paste of baking powder and water. Apply it to the jar and to the interior of the jar. Let it rest for 15 minutes. Now, use a damp cloth to remove the layer, and then wash it under running water.

Alcohol

Mix some alcohol with water, and use a kitchen sponge to apply it all over the jar. Let it rest for 5 minutes, and then wash it under running water.

Lemon Peel

This is a unique method of learning the jar. Also, you need to rub the peel on the lid, exteriors, and interiors of the jar. Let it rest for 5 minutes and wash it under running water.

Tip to sharpen the blades

A smart tip that you can keep handy to sharpen the blades is the use of salt. All you need to do is incorporate a teaspoon of rock salt into the jar and activate the mixer grinder. Repeat the procedure a few times, and you will observe that the blade has become sharper.

-TOI Lifestyle Desk

Fancy Kitchen Appliances For The Master Chef In You

If you've stocked your kitchen with all the basic equipment you need to cook the most delicious meals but are hankering for something extra that will take your cooking to Master Chef level, you've come to the right place! We've got some fancy kitchen appliances listed for you that are sure to interest you.

Sous vide, French for cooking 'under vacuum', has been around for years but is only recently being popularised for home kitchens. The process involves vacuum-sealing food in packets and cooking it slowly in a water bath that is temperature-controlled. All you need to invest in is a sous vide precision cooking device, packing for your food – like resealable plastic or silicone bags, and a vacuum sealing system!

If you're committed to a healthier lifestyle, a dehydrator for home use is perfect for you. Dry a range of food items like apples, bananas, kiwi, cherries, pineapple, and mangoes to kale, tomatoes, peppers, and more. Not only can you snack on these healthy bites but you can also use these to decorate homemade cakes with. A dehydrator is also practical in that you

can buy good produce that is in season and dehydrate bulk quantities for later use.

If you use a hand mixer for baking cakes, macarons, and other desserts, you already know that you could use an extra hand in the kitchen. So why not buy a stand mixer and keep both your hands free! A stand mixer is also more powerful than a hand mixer, and will help you get larger quantities of ingredients mixed beautifully in no time.

A food or oven thermometer gives you just what you need for pro level cooking – accuracy! Precision is the key when you're cooking meat or making candy and many such items; guesswork doesn't work all the time. Using the right thermometer for the job at hand can help you by ensuring your food is cooking evenly, at the right temperature, and is cooked exactly the way you want it to be.

Another kitchen appliance to help you cook with precision is a kitchen scale. Go for a digital scale with advanced hardware so you get reliable and accurate readings. A good digital kitchen scale will also be able to provide readings in different units of measurement, like grams, pounds, etc. Digital scales are also able to measure small units that mechanical scales can't. On the plus side, you can also use a digital scale to portion your meals and keep track of calories!

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Property taxes paid, but paved roads denied

Residents in White Rose Layout face poor road conditions, with dust in summer and slush during monsoons. Despite complaints, authorities have not resolved the issues

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Approximately 50 families living in White Rose Layout near Hope Farm Junction, Whitefield, within the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency, are facing significant issues due to inadequate road infrastructure. The roads in the layout become excessively dusty in summer and slushy during the monsoon season.

The residents complain that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities are not taking any action to asphalt the roads in the layout. Two-wheeler riders find it difficult to commute on these roads. "We are paying property tax to the BBMP. All properties in this layout are A Khata properties. It has become difficult for us to commute on these roads during monsoon. All the roads become slushy and muddy whenever it rains. Recently, a woman sustained injuries on Friday after falling from a two-wheeler due to slush on the road," said Naveen Kumar S, a resident. He mentioned that grey water overflowing onto the roads from septic pits has been a nuisance and health hazard for the residents. "The building owners dug up sanitary pits as the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is yet to lay water and sanitary pipes at the layout," he said.

One of the roads at White Rose Layout

Demanding the BBMP and BWSSB authorities to provide basic amenities, Anilkumar Reddy, who owns a residential site at White Rose Layout, has stated that the condition of the roads is deteriorating day by day. "I appeal to the authorities to asphalt the roads as early as possible for the benefit of residents," said Anilkumar Reddy. Stating that no developmental works have been undertaken at the layout, Vijay Kumar, a resident, mentioned that he has been residing there for the last six years. "All the roads are mud roads in this layout. Nothing has been done till now to improve the roads. The BWSSB has yet to lay the sanitary and water pipes. It becomes extremely tough for the residents to walk on these roads whenever it rains. I appeal to the authorities to fix these problems as early as possible," said Vijay Kumar.

> **"Roads become slushy whenever it rains. A woman sustained injuries after falling from the vehicle due to the slush** – Naveen KS, resident

When contacted, BWSSB engineer Ravi Kumar said that approvals for laying water and sanitary pipes were received by higher authorities. "We could not float tender due to the model code of conduct during the Lok Sabha elections. We are planning to float the tender inviting bidders for laying the water and sanitary pipes at the layout. The work will begin soon," said the BWSSB engineer.

Lights out in Hennur; BBMP flickers on solutions

Many streetlights in area are non-functional despite repeated complaints to authorities, raising concerns among citizens about garbage dumping and safety

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Hennur Main Road has suffered from inadequate street lighting for several years, causing significant concern among commuters. Despite its heavy usage, many streetlights along this stretch remain non-functional, posing hazards to travellers, particularly after dark.

"This has been a problem for many years now. In 2021, I complained to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). However, nothing much was done. The road, particularly from ORR towards Kothanur, suffers from an alarming lack of lighting. If you're coming from ORR towards Kothanur, the left side has about 80% of the required lamp posts, but the right side has very few. Some stretches do not have lamp posts at all. A lot of times, the lights are switched off." shared a member of Hennur Taskers. The Hennur flyover, although equipped with lights, often has them turned off, leading to garbage dumping and creating a haven for miscreants. "This has led to garbage dumping on the flyover and miscreants drinking there. We also fear that the lack of lighting can attract muggers," added a resident. Hennur-Bagalur Road, another vital stretch known as the new airport road, is notoriously dark, with large sections completely lacking streetlights. "It remains pitch dark along its 3-4 km stretch through villages to the airport. Many people who are aware of it don't even take the stretch," mentioned a resident.

The responsibility for this road falls under the jurisdiction of two MLAs, KJ George and Byrathi Basavaraj, making it challenging for residents to address their concerns effectively. Despite multiple complaints, the problem remains unsolved. "BBMP closes the complaint in the Sahaaya app within one day without even resolving it," a frustrated resident noted.

The growing population in the Hennur area, marked by the rise of new apartment complexes, further highlights the need for reliable street lighting. "One side of the road in the Hennur Bande area lacks street lights. The roads are terrible, street lights are not working properly, and garbage is everywhere. Can't believe it's the airport road of a so-called global city," lamented another resident.

Safety concerns are paramount, especially for women commuting at night. "It is very concerning to commute through these stretches at night. Women are at risk every day," said another resident. Residents hope that by raising their voices, the authorities will take the necessary steps to make their roads safer for everyone

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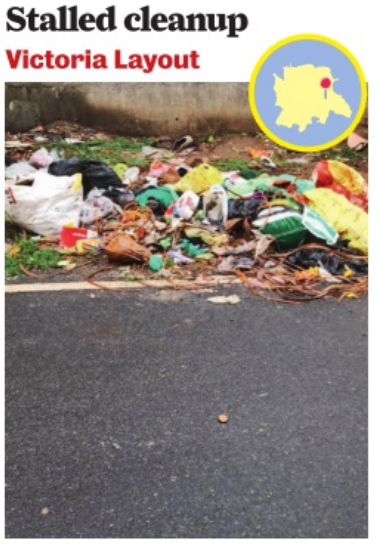
Quick fix
Bagalgunte

The debris from the culvert had been lying around for a long time in Bagalgunte. However, after BM published about it on Thursday morning, the debris was cleared by the afternoon.

Stalled cleanup
Victoria Layout



For the past week, garbage has not been cleared on Palmgrove Cross Road in Victoria Layout. Despite several complaints, no action has been taken.

Unsafe curve
Hampi Nagar

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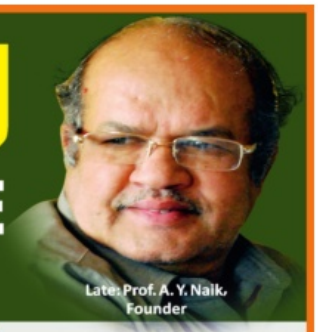
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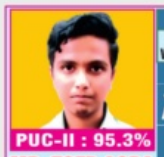
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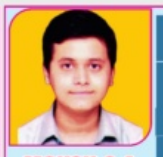
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How to reduce waste you produce

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be flattened else bins and tempos fill faster causing more trips and a higher carbon footprint. Wet waste too can be reduced by home composting and converting fruit peels into organic cleaners. A large part of what ends up in wet waste bins is edible – apart from food waste, it is possible to cook many discarded items like watermelon rind - the white part, pea pods, jackfruit seeds, and more. If households did all of the above, reject waste to landfill will drop to 5-10% of current loads," said Odette Katrak, Beautiful Bharat.

Experts say while citizens comment on mismanagement by the authorities, the humongous volumes of mixed waste from homes, restaurants, etc., need to be managed at source. Most consume without a second thought what happens to their waste after it leaves their homes. Some suggest a policy around variable user fees for collection, transportation, and disposal of waste based on the amount of waste given out.

"If it can be implemented, a variable user fee based on the amount of waste given out would be a game-changer for waste management," added Katrak.

"At the city level, decentralised processing is the way to go. Encourage home and on-site composting through property tax rebates (overall cities will save by cutting down on waste management costs). Biogas plants run professionally can support those who do not want to compost. Moreover, the contract for waste management should not be tipping fee-based but rather on buyback of products like compost, rdf, etc.," said a social media post.

Only acknowledgement, no action

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for painting roads humps and install blinkers and traffic cautionary signs. It also stated that measures would be taken to install traffic cautionary signs and construct road humps under the B-TRAC project. However, nothing has been done till date due to reasons citizens are not aware of.

After waiting for more than nine years, the citizens have all but lost hope that there would be any action. "Providing road safety measures and street infrastructure comes under Fundamental Rights of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Time and again, there have been several judgments of the Supreme Court and the Karnataka High Court upholding this constitutionally guaranteed right to life, liberty and livelihood. The apathy of the authorities is disappointing. The traffic police merely forward my complaints to the BBMP which has done nothing all these years," said Merchant, a resident of Shanti Layout.

Demanding that the authorities install the traffic signal, Lakshminarayana Swamy, a senior citizen, said that it has become tough for him to reach the other side of the road during peak hours. "There is neither a traffic signal nor traffic police to regulate traffic. It will be a great help and relief for senior citizens if a signal is set up," said Swamy.

Amrutha Gangadhar, a resident, confirmed that repeated complaints have yielded no result. "School children and senior citizens are vulnerable to accidents at the junction. We have complained to the traffic police but nothing has been done," said Gangadhar.

Surya Nayak, a resident, said the lack of road humps and zebra crossing also makes it difficult to cross the road during the peak hours. "The BBMP and traffic police must take measures for constructing scientific humps on the three roads of the junction," said Nayak.

When informed, Peenya Traffic Police Inspector said that area falls under the jurisdiction of newly established Chikkabanavara Traffic Police Station.

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I, Shreerama S/o Shivalingam Perumal No 43 Police Quarters Road Kempegowda Nagar, Hosahalli, Gollarapalya, B'luru-560091 have changed my name to Shreerama Shivalingam Affidavit dt 18/07/2024 Notary R Vishwanath B'luru

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I, Vikrant Vilas Dixit, S/o Vilas Sadashiv Dixit R/o A901, 9th Floor,Spectra Cypress, Thubarahalli, Whitefield, Bengaluru,Pin 560066. I have changed my name to Vikrant Dixit vide affidavit dated: 16/07/2024 Before Notary B M Chandrashekar Bangalore.

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I, ANNAMMA alias SALLY RAJAN alias ANNAMMA SAMUEL wife of MATHAI CHARIYAN RAJAN C., R/o at #46/4, 6th A Cross, Sanjeevini - nagar, Om Shakthi Temple Road, Hegganahalli Cross, Bengaluru 560091 have changed my name to ANNAMMA SAMUEL MATHEW (Aadhaar Card Bearing No xxxx xxxx 7308) Affidavit Dt.18/07/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, RAJAN C. alias C. RAJAN alias MATHAI CHERIAN alias MATHAI CHARIYAN Son of KUNJACHAN, R/o #46/4, 6th A Cross, Sanjeevininagar, Om Shakthi Temple Road, Heggana -halli Cross, Bengaluru, 560091 have changed my name to MATHAI CHARIYAN RAJAN C. (Aadhaar Card Bearing No xxxx xxxx 4868) Affidavit Dt.18/0 7/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

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Sky wars; race on for city's next major airport

As Karnataka plans for new terminal, Andhra Pradesh proposes one near Kuppam to connect Hosakote, Narasapura, and Kolar district near Bengaluru

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The Karnataka government, already facing competition from Tamil Nadu in establishing a new international airport near Hosur, now faces an additional competitor in Andhra Pradesh. The AP government has proposed constructing an airport near Kuppam, approximately 150 km from Bengaluru. This proposed airport seems strategically planned to target the city outskirts, including areas such as Hosakote, Narasapura, and Kolar district, with a focus on enhancing connectivity. This move intensifies the competition for Karnataka as it seeks to expand its aviation infrastructure and improve regional connectivity.

Earlier, Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister, MK Stalin, recently announced plans to construct an airport in Hosur, close to Bengaluru, challenging Karnataka's intentions to build a second international airport in the state. The Karnataka government is now pressured to finalise a location for the new airport, considering Tumakuru, Ramanagara, and rural Bengaluru areas.

Despite over a decade of discussions on the proposal for an international airport in Tumakuru, significant progress has yet to be achieved. Officials emphasise that Karnataka should utilise its 19 MPs and five ministers in the central government to advocate for the airport project and prevent Tamil Nadu from gaining an advantage.

Tumakuru is being considered a prime location for the new international airport in Karnataka. Earlier, the airport was expected to be built between Tumakuru and Sira to serve the growing industrial hub in the region. Former Minister Murugesh Nirani announced that the airport would be operational within the next 10 years, while former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai proposed providing air connectivity to second and third-tier cities in Karnataka, excluding Bengaluru. Current leaders, including Dr G Parameshwar, KN Rajanna, and Union Minister V Somanna, have also stressed the need for an airport in Tumakuru. Despite numerous discussions, the project has yet to take off.

The proposed airport site is strategically located near the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor and the Tumakuru bypass (National Highway 206 and 48 link road). The state government has identified a 3,500-acre land parcel for the project, and the infrastructure development department has submitted a proposal to the central government for approval.

It may be noted that the Karnataka state government has decided to build a second international airport with seven to eight probable locations identified within a 50-60 km radius of the city. The government has already begun the process of acquiring land for the project. The identified locations include areas along Mysore Road, Kanakapura Road, Kunigal Road, Hassan Road, Doddaballapur Road, and Koratagere-Madhugiri Road.

"We have identified seven to eight locations for the second international airport in Bangalore, and the process of acquiring land has already begun. The new airport will be built on a public-private partnership model and will have a capacity of 110 million passengers per year. We expect to complete the project within the next 7-8 years," said M.B. Patil, Infrastructure Development Minister.

The new airport is expected to meet the growing demand for air travel in the region and reduce pressure on the existing Kempegowda International Airport. The government plans to complete the project within the next seven to eight years and develop the surrounding areas, including the construction of hotels, restaurants, and other amenities.

Bengaluru-Bidar flight soon?

Efforts are currently in progress to revive the Bengaluru-Bidar flight service. A high-level meeting took place in the committee room at Vidhana Soudha to discuss reinstating the civilian air service between Bidar and Bengaluru, which has been inactive for two years. Minister MB Patil indicated that a proposal would be submitted within two weeks after consultations with various airlines. The meeting discussed the possibility of resuming the air service, which was suspended due to subsidy issues. Airlines are ready to resume if the state covers the subsidy to revive the service.

Influencer dies in gorge mishap

Aanvi Kamdar, a chartered accountant employed at Deloitte, tragically passed away after falling into a 300-foot gorge while filming an Instagram Reel. Known for her travel influence with nearly 269,000 Instagram followers, Aanvi was with seven friends at Kumbhe waterfall in Maharashtra's Raigad district at the time.

According to reports, she was making a reel of the scenic surroundings when she slipped headlong into the gorge. It took a team of 56 rescuers to retrieve her body because she couldn't be spotted initially. She was taken to a nearby hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

Aanvi was known for showcasing monsoon tourism, especially in Maharashtra. On Instagram, she referred to herself as a "travel detective".

In her last Instagram post, Aanvi uploaded a video listing places to visit in India during the monsoon, including Udaipur, Bekal (Kerala), Delhi, Agra, and certain places in Maharashtra and Karnataka. **-IANS**

Panathur Underpass: Chaos ahead?

Public is sceptical about the impact of two RUBs' functioning, as it may lead to heavy traffic in the region

The Panathur Railway Underpass (RUB) Vent 2 installation is progressing rapidly, with the precast frames being installed outside the existing railway track. The dismantling of the old water vent, used for traffic movement, is also set to begin in a few days.

This project is being executed in collaboration with Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE), South Western Railways, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Revenue Department (BBMP RI), Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP), and Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM). Four years ago, the construction of two RUBs was approved. The first RUB took longer to complete than expected, and while it is now operational, the access road remains unfinished, restricting its usage. The ramp and tarring of the road are pending, forcing commuters to navigate a muddy stretch.

The construction of the second RUB has just begun. Both RUBs are intended to lead to the S Cross stretch, which is currently a 20-metre-wide road but is planned to be widened to 40 metres. However, with the closure of the current vent to the public, commuters are using the first RUB to reach S Cross, despite the muddy condition.

Residents have voiced concerns about the impact of both RUBs being operational. "People from Whitefield going to the Outer Ring Road, will exacerbate congestion on the S Cross stretch. We don't think making two RUBs will help. People who want to reach ORR from Whitefield Varthur will use the RUB and get to the S Cross stretch, including heavy vehicles. This will cause more congestion," said a member of the Namma Balagere group.

"Even traffic police share these concerns, stating that managing traffic will become difficult once both RUBs are completed," says another member. **-Iffath Fathima**

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SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

The sum of the six digits in three consecutive odd two-digit integers is 36. What are these three odd two-digit integers?

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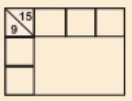
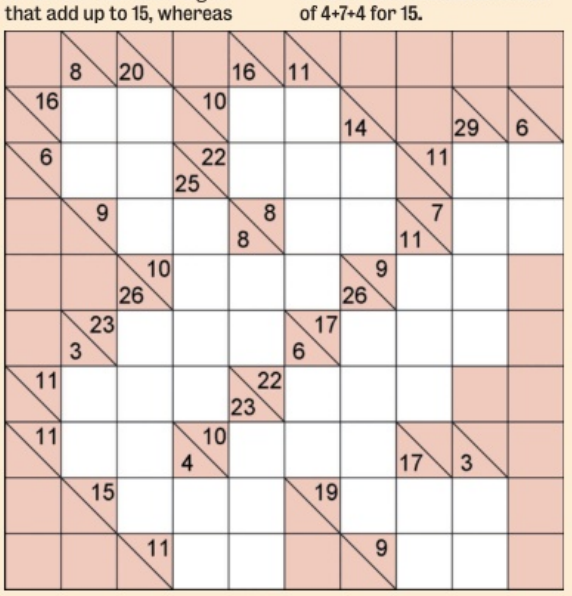
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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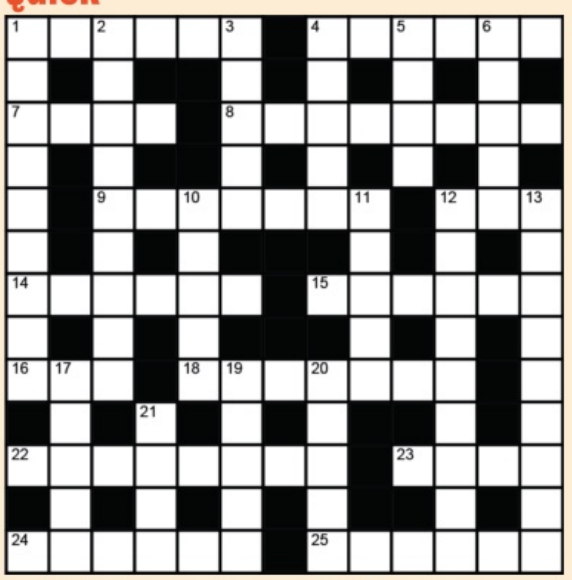


ACROSS

1 Small dome on roof (6)
4 Chess piece (6)
7 Unit of heredity (4)
8 __ __ of : looked after; dealt with? (4,4)
9 Theatre at Rajaji Nagar (7)
12 That female! (3)
14 Large lizard (6)
15 Application or endeavor (6)
16 Period of time (3)
18 Tower of mosque (7)
22 Commented, said or noted (8)
23 Zulu warrior tribe (4)
24 Sent out or emitted (6)
25 Heavenly body (6)

DOWN

1 Having power to perceive or know (9)
2 Land projecting into the sea (9)
3 Place for sacrifice (5)
4 Circus entertainer (5)
5 Of like kind (4)
6 Coniferous tree (5)
10 Poison (5)
11 Achieve success (2,3)
12 Athlete (9)
13 Fanatic (9)
17 Staggers (5)
19 Annoyed (5)
20 Total (3,2)
21 Capital of Azerbaijan (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS T

KLDCYID BOY CVEAVXVG SOKS SOV BKD SY K UKL'G OVKTS AG SOTYQJO OAG GSYUKPO MEQLFVI JVYJTKROD.

Linemaro

Aren't you on the endangered species list? You are one of a kind

Mindchow

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places

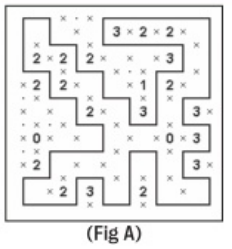
Joke of the day

I don't repeat gossip... so listen carefully

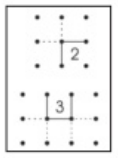
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

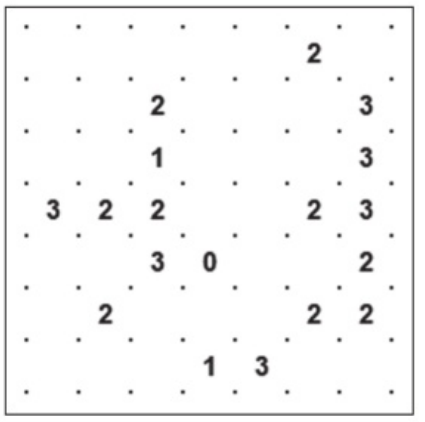


(Fig B) Not Allowed

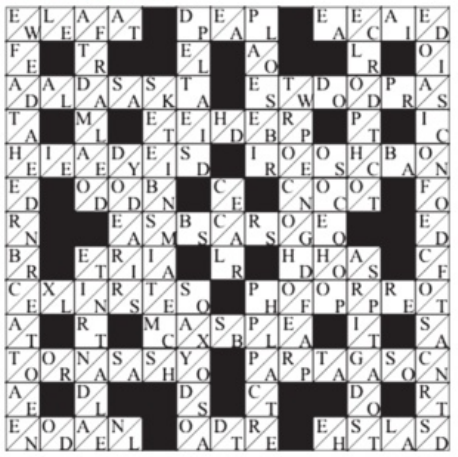
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 H	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Shred; 6 Tee ax; 7 To let; 8 I'm duo; 9 Steam

DOWN

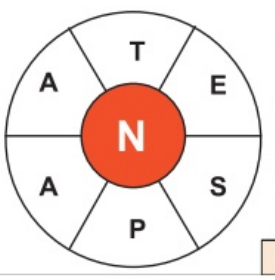
1 Lo the; 2 Ex Doe; 3 Irate; 4 At mud; 5 St ems

Mensapuzzle

Decipher this dingbat:

N P O A S Y E

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 11 Good; 13 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

7				4				9
					3	7	4	
	9	2					5	3
	5	3		7	8	2		
		9	3	1		4	7	
6	4					3	8	
	8	5	1					
9				3				5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

4 5 5 6

Medium = 29

6 6 8 9

Hard = 34

2 5 6 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

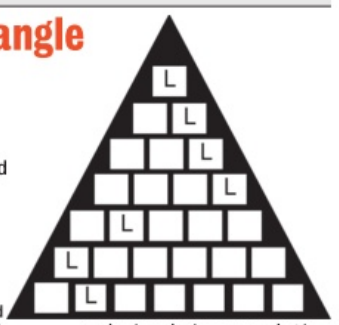
Differences: 1. Present is longer. 2. Chair is moved. 3. Balloon is moved. 4. Stripe is missing from sleeve. 5. Collar is different. 6. Girl's ear is showing.

Riddler

What is missing from this sequence: Greenland, New Guinea, Borneo, Madagascar, ==?==, Sumatra, Honshu, Great Britain

Alpha triangle

1 The 12th letter
2 Spanish article
3 Slender fish
4 Scottish dance
5 More mature
6 What Polonius said not to be
7 Kitchen gadget



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

HOW KIN THE SPINACHOVIAN POST OFFICE NOT KNOW KING BLOZO?
I WILL TELEPHONE HIM AT HIS PALACE!
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YER KING BLOZO!
SORRY! WE HAVE NO KING BLOZO LISTED!
PLEASE CHECK KINGDOM AND CORRECT NUMBER!
10-24

Bizarrotrip

Wayno & Piraro 4-15-24
Dist. by King Features
My tax bill is huge. Let's start sending them home with tubes of frosting.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

SHARI AND I ARE GONNA SNEAK OUT TONIGHT TO FILL SOME OF THE POTHOLES ON THE BUS ROUTE.
YOU GOTTA LET ME COME WITH YOU.
SNEAKING OUT AND BREAKING RULES ARE, LIKE, MY TWO FAVORITE THINGS!
WHAT ABOUT ACTING? AND EATING CHIPPY CHIPS?
OKAY, THEN THEY'RE MY THIRD AND FOURTH FAVORITE THINGS. BUT THAT'S STILL HIGH UP ON THE LIST!
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Crankshaft

I THOUGHT YOUR BOOK WAS WONDERFUL, HARRY!
YOU REALLY SHOULD SUBMIT IT TO THE OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL TO SEE IF YOU CAN BE ONE OF THE AUTHORS THERE.
I DON'T KNOW, LILLIAN... WITH ALL OF THOSE OTHER PROFESSIONAL WRITERS THERE...
I WOULDN'T WANT TO MAKE THEM LOOK BAD!
4-15
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Your vital force seems to be good today; it may help you complete difficult projects easily. Disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved, which may strengthen your relationship with them. You may expand your network after a work-related trip; you may meet some influential people who will be helpful in the near future in terms of the professional front. You may also help some needy people, which may increase your prestige.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy with your family; you may feel happy to enjoy time with family or friends. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may also control your expenditures on worthless stuff. You may buy some worthwhile things, which may increase your social status. You may also be busy with your kids' academics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel energetic. Your performance may be fast, enabling you to complete your task within the time frame, which makes you happy. Your prestige may increase, and there may be some balance between your domestic and professional lives. You may also encourage someone who is depressed. Natives related to import and export, trading, and strategy analysis may do better now.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, some dissatisfaction may come into your mind; you may feel lazy and dull, which affects your current speed of the project or work in terms of delay. Lovebirds are advised to avoid any important decisions in terms of marriage. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of interviews. You may also waste your precious time on worthless tasks.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull, your focus may be lost on your targets, and you may hypothetically take some decision that may be seen beyond reality. Your expectations may be very high, and because of impatience, you may not be able to fulfil them. You are advised to be careful on adventure tours and rush-hour driving. But by afternoon, your profits may increase, and you may be likely to start working with some new clients, which will increase the business in the near future.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be able to control your internal weakness after analysing yourself; you may be confident, which may help you. You may fight against addictions. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds are now having clarity in their relationship. You may likely expect some opportunities for overseas travel. Students will hear good news in terms of academics.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, when situations are under control, you may feel better. You may plan for overseas travel. Your network may help you on the job front. There may be an increase in domestic harmony. You may be more creative; you may bring some artefacts or creative stuff for family or the office. You may also plan on watching movies or other entertainment with friends or family.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you will likely perform better in your job, and your boss may give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. At the start of the week, you will expect financial gains. You will make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which will boost your bank balance. You will get back your money from your lenders. You will be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies. Your health would be better now.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may plan to renovate your house, so you may buy some things to decorate your house to maintain your social status. There is likely to be some harmony with the spouse; it creates harmony in domestic life. Disagreements with friends, co-workers, and partners may be settled now. You may get good news in terms of litigation.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel energetic, and your old diseases may be cured. You may hear some good news from a close relative. You may perform well in the office, and your subordinates may help you with a difficult project. You may also develop trust in your subordinate staff. It may increase your prestige in society. You may also hear good news in some legal matters.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel that life becomes difficult, and you may be likely to take some advice from your elders to survive in the given situation. You need to have patience. Kids' education also makes you upset; you may have a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments. You may plan to enroll in a course that will enhance your educational skills.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is not a positive day; you may be disappointed. Your focus on your current situation may not be good; it may affect your routine work, and your projects may be delayed. It is advised to sustain yourself in the current situation. Investments in the fixed assets shall be postponed for a while. You are advised to postpone a plan for the construction of a house or office.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
55, 57, 59
67, 69, 71
73, 75, 77
79, 81, 83
91, 93, 95

BULL'S EYE
ante, aspen, nape,
neat, nest, pane,
pant, PEASANT,
sane, sent, snap,
span, spent

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
pay through the nose

QUOTE UNCODE
Anybody who believes that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach flunked geography.

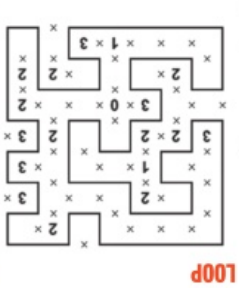
SUDOKU

9	2	7	8	3	4	1	6	5
3	8	5	1	6	7	9	2	4
6	4	1	2	5	9	3	8	7
2	6	9	3	1	5	4	7	8
8	7	4	9	2	6	5	3	1
1	5	3	4	7	8	2	9	6
4	9	2	7	8	1	6	5	3
5	1	8	6	9	3	7	4	2
7	3	6	5	4	2	8	1	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, El, Eel, Heel,
Elder, Lender,
Blender.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 4 + 6 – 5 = 2
Medium
8 + 9 + 6 + 6 = 29
Hard
4 x 5 x 2 – 6 = 34

LOOP



KAKURO

FAST FIVE

T	E	A	M	S
O	D	I	U	M
L	O	T	T	E
E	X	E	A	T
H	E	R	D	S

RIDDLER
Baffin Island: from the largest islands in the world, in descending order.

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